

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

CLAIM OR CLAIMS

We claim:

1. (original) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub with a skimmer intake opening, and used to provide a guard between the pool and the pool skimmer intake opening comprising of:

a rectangular-shaped, semi-rigid member having a rectangular section, which is to be dimensioned like that of the skimmer intake flange, and;

a first round-shaped, semi-rigid cross-member running parallel to the upper surface in a first plane and a second semi-rigid strip member running parallel to the first;

wherein each cross-member is spaced an equal distance from each other and the rectangular frame, and;

a third round-shaped, semi-rigid cross member running perpendicular to the first semi-rigid strip member, and a fourth semi-rigid strip member running perpendicular to the second cross member;

where each cross-member is spaced an equal distance from each other and the rectangular frame, thus creating a grid shape of equal proportions.

2. (currently amended) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub as described in claim 1, wherein the guard has up to four (4) hooks for attaching guard to the skimmer intake, and;

a first hook member formed along the vertical side of the rectangular flange, in a distal end of said upper surface section, formed at 90 degrees, consisting of a hook, so as to fit securely inside the skimmer intake opening, and;

said hook, in combination with the rectangular flange fits securely on the face, inside wall, and inside rear face of the skimmer intake opening, and;

said hook, varies in length to accommodate the dimensions of various skimmer intakes, and;

a second hook member formed an equal distance from the first hook on the same vertical side of the rectangular flange, formed at 90 degrees, consisting of a hook, so as to fit securely inside the skimmer intake opening, and;

a third hook member formed on the opposite side, on the second vertical surface of the rectangular flange, in a distal end of said upper surface section, formed at 90 degrees, consisting of a hook, so as to fit securely inside the skimmer intake opening, and;

a fourth hook member formed an equal distance from the third hook on the same vertical side of the rectangular flange, formed at 90 degrees, consisting of a hook, so as to fit securely inside the skimmer intake opening, and;

said hooks made be placed at alternate locations around the skimmer intake guard, as designs indicate, to accommodate the different variety of sizes and shapes of skimmers, to ensure the guard will stay in place.

3. (original) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub as described in claim 1, wherein the hook members of claim 2 are molded resilient and structured to grip said skimmer opening for mounting said guard thereon,

wherein on the back of each hook, a small detent or bump is contained, which allows the guard hooks to be gripped by a finger, and released, so that the guard can be removed.

4. (currently amended) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub as described in claim 1, where the pattern of the cross-members may be equal distance, diagonal or rectangular in design, and vary in the number of cross-members, as sizes and designs indicate.

5. (new) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub as described in claim 1, where the cross-members may be comprised of only vertical or only horizontal cross-members.

6. (new) A skimmer intake guard for use in a pool or tub as described in claim 1, where the cross-members may be comprised of any design or pattern, such as logo, letter, symbol or other such pattern that could be created.

7. (new) A skimmer intake guard for use in a swimming pool or tub as described in claim 1,

wherein the skimmer guard has no hooks, and can be attached by Velcro fasteners, other hook and loop fastener, or other attachable or adhesive method to the face of the skimmer intake.

8. (new) A skimmer intake guard for use in a swimming pool or tub as described in claim 1,

wherein the cross members or pattern of the cross-members can be integrated into the flange of the skimmer intake or the cover for the skimmer intake flange.